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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call From Mr. J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel,  
Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Transcript

1. Mr. J. Sourwine called late this afternoon and said he had been instructed by Chairman Eastland to poll the members of the Internal Security Subcommittee on the possible release of testimony given before the Subcommittee on the [REDACTED] case. Sourwine said this had been prompted by requests from various newspaper people following the release by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of testimony given before that Committee on the [REDACTED] case. According to Sourwine, Chairman Eastland favors release of the testimony but wants the members polled. Sourwine said he is preparing a memorandum to the members on the subject and feels that the memorandum should indicate what the Agency's position is with respect to the release of this transcript containing the testimony of numerous Agency witnesses including: [REDACTED] General Walter Bedell Smith, Messrs. Frank Wisner, Lawrence Houston, and Walter Pforzheimer. Sourwine said he would only have a few days time in which to prepare the memorandum and dispatch it.

2. Mr. Sourwine said he could not see why the Agency would object to the publication of this testimony now that approximately 20 years has passed since the testimony was given and most of the key people involved have either died or left the Agency.

3. I told Sourwine that while I had heard many references to this testimony I was not familiar with it personally and did not know whether the Agency had a copy of the transcript. I said I was quite certain that in reviewing our position in the matter our people would want to review the transcript itself. Sourwine claimed that the Agency had a copy of

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the transcript at one time and presumably made a copy of it, but he added that we could obtain another copy from him if necessary. I told Sourwine I would look into the matter and be in touch with him as soon as possible.

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